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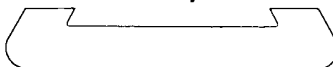
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**NPIC/PEG (04/82)****LAUNCH OF 444D (KIEV-CLASS CVHG UNIT 4)**  
**NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444, USSR**  
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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE SOVIET UNION HAS LAUNCHED THEIR FOURTH GUIDED MISSILE AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVHG).

2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** THE 444D GUIDED MISSILE AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVHG). FORMERLY KIEV CVHG UNIT 4, HAS BEEN LAUNCHED [REDACTED] AND IS FITTING OUT AT THE QUAY AT NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444. SUPERSTRUCTURE MODIFICATIONS, AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND ELECTRONICS MODIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON THIS UNIT DURING CONSTRUCTION. SEVERAL FEATURES, NOT DISCERNIBLE PREVIOUSLY, ARE OBSERVED. A BLAST DEFLECTOR, SIMILAR TO THE SS-N-12 BLAST DEFLECTOR ON OTHER KIEV-CLASS CVHG, IS INSTALLED ON THE PORT SIDE NEXT TO THE 100MM GUN MOUNTS. ALTHOUGH NO SS-N-12 LAUNCHERS ARE OBSERVED, THE PRESENCE OF THE TRAP DOOR RADAR OPENING IN THE BOW AND THE BLAST DEFLECTOR SUGGEST THAT THE SS-N-12 SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED. [REDACTED] RADAR PLATFORM HAS BEEN INSTALLED ATOP THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FORWARD OF THE STACK. THE SPONSON AREA FORWARD OF THE ANGLED DECK HAS NOT BEEN INSTALLED ON THIS UNIT.

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